(b) whether it is also a fact that an Officer of IAAS, who was declared of unsound mind by DDA Doctor is considered for re-employment after retirement;

(c) what action Government propose to take to prevent this re-employment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A proposal has been received from the DDA for re-employment of an IA & AS officer.

Export commitment by foreign collaborator

2831. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of Companies give export commitments to get foreign collaboration and then do not fulfil them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that clause 4 of Annexure-I of the Foreign Collaboration approval stipulates that a Bank Guarantee is to be provided to secure the export commitment; and

(c) the reasons for which Government have not asked for an American Bank guarantee to secure the export commitment by Pepsico, U.S.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Foreign Collaboration approvals are granted keeping in view the Government policies in this regard from time to time. Adequate safeguards have been provided within the Rules of the Government to enforce fulfilment of the export obligation.

(b) Clause 4 of Annexure I of the Foreign Collaboration Approval reads as under:—

"For undertaking the export obligation specified in the approval letter, the requisite guarantee i.e. legal undertaking bank guarantee as may be required should be furnished according to the detailed instructions issued by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports (E.O. Cell), the Ministry of Commerce (EP) and administrative Ministry who may be contacted in the matter."

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Statutory and constitutional status to the Central Minorities Commission

2832. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first conference of the Chairman of Central and State Minorities Commissions held on 15th January 1984 in New Delhi and Second conference held on 24th March, 1986 unanimously resolved to confer statutory and constitutional status to the Central Minorities Commission; if so, why has the decision not been taken so far and by what date such a decision is likely to be taken;

(b) whether Government is serious to initiate an appropriate constitutional amendment to this effect; and

(c) how many letters and reminders have been sent by the Central Minorities Commission in this regard and what was the reply of Government each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) to (c) Communications have been received from the Minorities Commission regarding Resolutions adopted

at the first and second Conference of the Central and State Minorities Commissions for grant of Constitutional position or status by means of appropriate Constitutional amendment to the Central Minorities Commission. Government is not considering any proposal to confer Constitutional position or statutory status upon the Minorities Commission. Attention in this connection is also invited to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1774 on the 25th November, 1988.

महाराष्ट्र में श्रम न्यायालयों/औद्योगिक अधिकरणों में लम्बित श्रमिक विवाद

2833. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र के श्रम न्यायालयों/औद्योगिक अधिकरणों में बड़ी संख्या में श्रमिक विवाद लम्बित पड़े हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि महाराष्ट्र में श्रम न्यायालयों/औद्योगिक अधिकरणों की कमी है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप निर्णय देने में विलम्ब होता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इन विवादों को शीघ्र निपटाये जाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री विद्येश्वरी दुबे) : (क) महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि उस राज्य में 1-7-88 तक औद्योगिक अधिकरणों के समक्ष 18334 मामले लम्बित थे और श्रम न्यायालयों में 58,930 मामले लम्बित थे।

(ख) और (ग) महाराष्ट्र में 19 औद्योगिक न्यायालय और 35 श्रम न्यायालय हैं। अतिरिक्त औद्योगिक न्यायालय और श्रम न्यायालय मंजूर करने का एक प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकार के विचाराधीन है। औद्योगिक न्यायालयों और श्रम न्यायालयों के पीठासीन अधिकारियों को परामर्श दिया गया है कि लम्बे समय से लम्बित मामलों को अग्रता दें और उन्हें शीघ्र निपटाएं।

Import of equipment on concessional rate of duty by newspaper printing Presses

2834. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that printers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers such as newspaper printing presses are only entitled to import equipment on concessional rates of duty;

(b) whether it is a fact newspaper printing presses do job work for outsiders; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such discrimination between commercial printers and printers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers in the matter of customs duty concession?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. Certain specified machinery imported by newspaper establishments registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India are subjected to concessional rates of import duty.

(b) These presses are not debarred from doing job work for others.

(c) Newspapers have always been allowed certain concessions because of the important role played by them in mass education and social awakening.